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The Public School System.

Our evening contemporary, the News Leader, discusses at some length the of Professor L. M. Perrin, of Boston, on the subject of popular education. Professor Perrin believes that the "basic defect" in the public schools is that the schools do not teach "frugality and humility." The News Leader agrees with him in part, but says that the trouble with the class of reformers to which Professor Perrin belongs is that they would make the public schools a "cureall." and in their efforts to do so contribute to the defeat of reform, "They stimulate and cultivate," adds the News Leader, "a disposition in the heads of families to shirk responsibilities that rest in the home and nowhere else."

We have time and again discussed that phase of the public school question, and ought to be discussed by the newspapers generally of the South and brought to the attention of the people. There is a danger in the public school system, and it should be watched with all the vigilance that we give to our liberty. It is a dangerous thing for the State to undertake to educate the children of the people. More and more the State is gaining control of the children. In some States education is made compulsory, and parents are compelled to send their children to school; if they do not an officer of the law comes in and takes the children away with or without the consent of their natural guardians, When the child goes to school, the parents lose control of him for the time they have nothing to say about the books which he is to study, nothing to say about the kind of instruction imparted, and there are those who would make it binding upon the teacher with or without the consent of the parent, to teach the child religion in the public schools. In short the tendency of the publie school system is to take the child away from the parents and take away the responsibility of rearing the child and to put the cost and responsibility upon the

The Times-Disnatch supports the public school system as a public necessity. The only way of educating the poor children is at public expense. But the whole system is un-American and un-democratic, and it needs watching all the time. Its over-zealous friends are forever proposing seme new innovation, and if they have their way, by and by, the State will have entire control of the children of the poor, and then it will be but a short step to complete Socialism. Those in authority must remember that there are some things better than schooling For out part we prefer a nation of indepenthey be to a nation of State instructed defendents. There is much good in our system of popular education. But there is in it also great possibility of evil. We must have a care, therefore, so to conduct the schools as to gain the good and avoid the evil. The character and the very life of the republic are involved.

The Trade of 1903.

Reports from Washington show gratifying gain in the foreign commerce of the United States for the first eleven months of the calendar year.

The figures for the eleven months would seem to indicate that the total commerce of the United States during the year about to end will be greater than in any preceding year, but that the total exports will fall a few millions below those of 19:0 and be about equal to those of 1901, though materially in excess of those of 1902, while the total imports will exceed those of any preceding year, and combined/with the exports, will make the grand total of commerce more than in any earlier year; also that the exports of manufactures will exceed those of 1902 by several millions, but be somewhat below those of the record year, 1900, and.

perhaps, 1901. The figures show an increase in practically all of the great groups into which the Bureau of Statistics divides the exports, and in all of the groups into which it divides the imports. Agricultural products, as a whole, show an increase of 274,000,000; products of the forests, \$10,000,-660; products of the mines, \$8.060,00); manufactures, \$5,000,000, and miscellaneous articles, \$2,000,000. In the single group fisheries is shown a slight decrease of a little more than \$1,000.000.

The figures for the month of November show a marked growth in exports of manufactures, the total for the month being \$34,068.639, against \$30,518.512 in November of last year. Agricultural products also show a marked increase in the month, the | temporary. In spite of the great incon-

figures for November, 1903, being \$114,-179 955 acolnet \$59.085 950 in the same month of last year. The increase in agricultural exports occurs chiefly in cotton, of which the value of the month's

exports is unusually high. With such a trade as this, with such a heavy balance in our favor, necessarily coming heavy imports of gold, with abundant crops at high prices, it is hard to figure out the "great depression in business," which some of the calamity shouters have been predicting.

The Panama Revolution.

Did you read in yesterday's Times-Dispatch the letter of our correspondent concerning the Panama revolution? If not, you missed a treat. He says the secession movement began with three men, and was executed under the supervision of these three and four others, the seven working under the advice and counsel of four Americans. Before the coup'd'ciat, others were taken into the secret, but so closely were the plans guarded that those who were really in the secret might be counted on the fingers of the two hands. The wonderful part of it is that the revolution was accomplished by these men and a few others without any conference whatever with the people themselves! lution had been accomplished, the declaration of independence drawn up and rend, and the do facto government ostablished before the people themselves knew anything whatever about it. The people had heard that there was to be a revolution, but they had not been consulted nor their advice asked, and they had nothing to do with it.

The little band of secessionists let the nempers of the City Council of Panama into their secret late in October, when it became evident that a blow would have to be struck very soon or forever withheld. These city councilmen-eleven in number-wore willing to further the project, so that when the public meeting was held in the Cathedral Plaza, Pannina, on November 4th, they were all in attendance. They, too, were the first to sign the declaration of independence, and immediately after that formality they adjourned across the street to the municipal building, and went into session behind closed doors. Their first act then was to pass the declaration, which had already been engrossed in a book of record, and to append their names to the engressed copy. This done, the City Council appointed the three members of the provisional government junta authorizing them to take charge of the affairs of the new republic. The junta assembled at once and named the members of the provisional cabinet, and the new republic became a fact. On the same day Porficio Mollendes had taken charge of affairs at Colon as provisional governor appointed by the junta; but outside of the cities of Panama and Colon, and along the line of the Panama Rallroad, the people of the new republic were in entire ignorance of the fact that they

were no longer subjects of Colombia. Since that time emissaries have been sent out by the government to harangue the people and urge them to give their support to the new republic. These emissuries tell the people that the canal is an assured fact, and that work will begin in a little while, and that money will be freely distributed among them. always causes more or less enthusiasm, and wherever such a statement is made, the people swear allegiance to Panama, But our correspondent says that a reaction is almost sure to follow when it is finally discovered by the people that the work will not begin for some time to come. He thinks there will then be great dissatisfaction and he does not undertake to predict what this will lead to.

But there you are with the Republic of Fanama, which Prosident Roosevelt recognized the day after it was created by a handful of adventurers, and with which we are now asked to make a treaty.

But in the meantime it may be well not to let our sympathies for an alleged down-trodden people to get the better of us, for in this case it was not a people's rebellion. The people did not know anything about it until a little handful of adroit schemers had hatched the whole thing up and presented the new republic to them on a platter,

. Mr. Rockefeller's Doctrine.

On Sunday last young Mr. Rockefeller told his Bible class that it is possible and right to obey literally the Scriptural injunction of "returning good for cvil." To one of the members of the class who suggested that people should "remain content with not retaliating evil for evil, instead of trying the difficult undertaking of returning good for evil." Mr. Rockefeller replied: "That is a negative kind of attitude. Broadly speaking, I think it is possible to follow the Scriptural injunction literality.

We suppose that the son represents the views of the father, and so we must conclude that there is no grain of truth in the scandalous rumor that the older Rockefeller has been aiding and abetting Mr. George Gould in making trouble fo the Pennsylvania Railroad because the president of that corporation cut down the poles of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Our Country.

A financial writer says that the innocent investor who was lured into purwith his hard-earned savings the shares of railway or industrial corporations at fictitious prices can find consolation in the country's continued growth and the fact that after every set-back caused by over-exploitation and over-cap-italization, the universal development leads in time to a new upward swing in which the previous high-water marks are surpassed.

Very true. This country is only beginning to develop, and it is impossible to over-exploit for long. We may proceed for the time at too lively a lick, but it will not be long before the country catch up.

The Landmark's Loss.

We have seen with regret the account of the fire which destroyed the plant of the Norfolk Landmark, and we desire to express our hearty sympathy to our con-

venience and loss entailed by such a happening we feel assured that the Landmark will discover that its well earned prestige, good name and influence, which after all make the true newspaper, are beyond the reach of any such material accident.

Warfare against consumption is going on in many lands. The minister of railways in the German Empire has issued a decree, said to have been instigated by the Kaiser himself, making most stringent provision for the cleaning and disinfecting of sleeping cars. What is more, it is given out that these precautions will he strictly, not to say severely, enforced.

Cabbage, eggs and fowls are now sold by the pound in many of the markets of this country That is nothing now, but now we are told-but can't believe itthat a Colerado railroad company has adopted a rate for transportation over its lines based upon the weight of the

Dr. H. K. Pancoast, of the University Pennsylvania, has at last discovered the means of getting rid of the negro. He has ascertained that it is possible, by means of the X-ray, so to bleach the skin of the negro that to all intents and purpose the subject becomes a white A considerable slipe of the American

continent may be waiting to hear waat Mr. Mark Hanna is going to say about Perry Heath's few remarks, but the rumbling cannot be heard with the naked

There is an encouraging report to the effect that the new Gallego mills are liable to make old Phoenix ashamed of himself, in the matter of getting out of

When cotton gets through climbing we will know where it has gone to, and perhaps we may get an inkling as to why t has been so long getting there.

But few members of the Legislature remained in Richmond for the holidays, and it is currently reported that those few kept sober.

Most of the Virginia weeklies, "in cordance with custom," will give their employes and their readers a whole

==== There comes from Washington a whisper or two to the effect that the New Year's doings this week will break all former records.

now to have a year's rest ahead of him, The real one has a year's hard work just Get your new resolutions in good shape.

The mythical Santa Claus is supposed

They may not last long, but it is well to start them right. The Aycock detrine concerning the negro question summed, up is: "Give it a

It is getting time for Newport News to

have another launching. Richmond did pretty well. It kept

moderately sober.

This seems to be the skater's long sea-

With a Comment or Two. The Richmond Times-Dispatch wants somebody to tell it what is wrong with the Hon. Mr. Smoot, of Utah. Nothing, so far as we understand the matter. It is the Hon. Mrs. Smoot that has been making herself too numerous.—Harrison-burg News.

You have made the mistake that called forth our query, Mr. Smoot has only one wife, and if he is a polygamist at all he is one only theoretically.

The republic of Cuba has recognized the republic of Panama. That was a reliew feeling, and yet some of our people who fought to make Cuba independent are opposed to the independence of Punama. Why this difference?—Fredericksburg Star.

A little fighting for Panama, which cems we will have to do, may arouse the

The men who are experimenting with their airship at Kitty Hawk, in this State, are trying to sell it to the government. They claim to have sailed their ship for twenty miles against a moderate winds of the adozen tests have been made by the inventors, and all have proven successful. Old North Carolina may you be at the head of the procession in the airship line, even if it is a "box-kite" matchine that is being perfected on her soil.—Wilmington Mess-niger.

That's it, is it? An old ship and an appropriation.

In Honor of Miss Crane.

Miss Laura M. Crane, of Baltimore, an extromely pretty and accomplished young to twenty miles for twenty miles and surface Street, was the guest of honor last evening, when Miss Whitteld invited a number of her friends of both sexes to meet Miss Crane.

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Half Hour With Virginia Editors.

Commenting on the excellent report of the commissioner of State hospitals, the Newport News Times-Herald says:

Colonel Lane's syggestions as to the system of accounts and the fire insulance are timely and good, and in themselves show that the appointing of a commissioner was a wise and beneficial act. The Norfolk Ledger, which has evidently been using many oggs this very

"A new commodity on the German mar-ket is condensed eggs." We haven't had rny other here yet, but the kind of eggs we have been having lately nas had the enect of condensing the purchaser's cur-rency into a small compass. season, complains as follows:

The Harrisonburg News makes this

About two weeks more and the long-est-lived Legislature in the history of Virginia will expire by limitation. Yet there decent appear to be an unusual de-mand for craps at the dry goods stores.

The Newport News Press remarks: The police records of the Virginia cities for the past three days indicate that trade in the aunica and bromo-seltzer lines is seasonably brisk.

The Emporia Messenger comes along with cheering message:

Empora has made no little material progress during the past year, and the growth started about four years ago shows no signs of lessening. There has been no boom, but a steady substant agrowth, which was fully justified by the local advantages. Heal estate is high but not too high to keep one from invest-ing, nor is: it lighter than other towns of this size, similarly located.

Social and Persona !

Miss Ella Hammond was the hostess of a charming progressive outhre party given in her home on Brook Road last Monday ovening.

Purior and dining room decorations were in holiday colors-green and rod, holly, mistletce and cedar, showing beautifully in contrast with the crimson of carnations and immorteles.

At the close of the game the first ladies' prize was awarded Miss Mary Drowry, the second went to Miss Hattle Shields. Mr. Conrad Hutcheson and Mr. Cly'se Alexander were the fortunate gentlemen. Those present were Miss Ethel McCaw, Miss Marlan Smith, Miss Saille Miller, Miss Linda Bargamin, Miss Mary Druke, Miss Louise Williams, Miss Contance Houdar, Miss Cortance, Miss Cortance, Miss Cortance, Miss Cortance, Miss Langhorne Cosby, Miss Mary Drowry, Miss Vass, Miss Cortane, Cance, Mr. Henry Adair and Mr. Her-bert Slaughter.
Miss Hammond is one of the most at-

tractive of the younger members of Richmond society, and is one of the daintiest and most engaging of youthful hostesses. Her friends are greatly enfoying with her her vacation from the
Many Baldwin Suminary at Stauaton,
Va., where she is a student of this year. Reception Tea.

One of the prottlest of the week's many cutertainments was the tea given yester-day by Miss Marian Hinton Smith, in her home. No. 420 West Gracs Street, from

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House decorations were in a wealth of Christmas greenery, with the red of holly and the waxen whiteness of mistletoe horries showing everywhere.

The centorpiece for the table, a fern-fringed placque of red carnations, rested on Hennissance lace over red satin.

Miss Smith wore a lovely gown of prinnrose pink silk mull above pink liberty satin. A smocked yoke was finished by a berthe of panne chiffon, pink roses and a deep fall of accordion platitings. The skirt had a yoke of the smocking, with platted and ruched frills. Miss lithel McCaw, Miss Rhoda Davis and Miss Alma Cecli assisted in receiving. Young ladies in the dining room were Miss Carrie Neal, Miss Cora Younger, Miss Edna Davis, Miss Mary McCaw and Miss Libby Wingo. Among those present were Miss Laura Rutherfoord, Miss Mary Drake, Miss Mary Drewry, Miss Alice Doyle, Miss Carlie Miss, Miss Louise McAdams, Miss Annabel Forbes, Miss Bessle Upshur, Miss Cora tooke, Miss Louise Williams, Miss Coulse McAdams, Miss Annabel Forbes, Miss Bessle Upshur, Miss Countonay Crump, Miss Rena Glazebrook, Miss Myra Chambers, Miss Sust Davis, Miss Kuty Lancaster, Miss Nannie Waddill, Miss Mary Moulton, Miss Daisy Boykin, Miss Hattle Glimour, Miss Daisy Boykin, Miss Hattle Glimour, Miss Lily Upshur, Miss Jenny and Miss Fanny Blund, Miss Midred Boyd, Miss Bertha and Miss Elsie Glimour, Miss Juny and Miss Fanny Blund, Miss Midred Boyd, Miss Janny and Miss Fanny Blund, Miss Midred Boyd, Miss Janny Corter Rutherfoord, of Fredericksburg, Va.

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guest, Miss Sallie Carter Butherfoord, of Fredericksburg, Va.
The parlors and halls will be gayly and artistically decorated in holiday evergreens, running cedar being prettily intermingled with holly and mistletoe.
Miss Bessie Selden will be at the chocolate table, and the following young ladies will serve: Miss Jean Knox, Miss Katherine Watkins, Miss Nannie Selden, Miss Myra Chambers, Miss Ida Henning and Miss Bessie Lee Lucks.

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Another young hostess of to-day will be Miss Alice Doyle, who will give a tea at her home, No. 916 Park Avenue, to a number of her friends.

The tea will be from 5 to 7, and Miss Doyle will be assisted by Miss Nellie and Miss Mamle Davenport, Miss Reccor, Miss Avis Grant, Miss Anna and Miss Louisa Purcell, Miss Elizabeth Atkinson, Miss Courtenay Crump, Miss Mary Street, Miss Bernard Cocke, Miss Paxton, Miss Haskins and Miss Mary Drake.

Their Anniversary.

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and Mrs. Marx Gunst will make ning by keeping on January 1st, from 5 to 11 P. M., their twenty-fifth wedding an-

to II P. M., their twenty-min weating miversary.

The celebration will be held at No. 200
East Clay Street, the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Gunst, and will be the occasion.
not alone of a family reunion, but of
sincers congratulations and good wishes
from their many Richmond friends.

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Sandy Creek Church, Vance county, N. C., was the scene of a pretty country wedding Sunday, December 7th, at 3 in the afternoon, when Mr. John E. Singleton led to the altar Miss Annie Luta Hoyle, one of Vance county's prettiest and most popular young ladies.

The church was completely filled by the large congregation of friends and relatives won gathered to witness the nuptials The attendants were Miss Nora Duke, of Epsom, N. C.; Mr. Elsy Adcock, of Henderson, N. C.; Mr. Elsy Adcock, of Henderson, N. C.; Mr. Miss Eva Hoyle, of Gillsburg, N. C.; Mr. Charlie Hoyle, of Gillsburg, N. C.; Mr. Charlie Hoyle, of Henderson, N. C.; Mr. Charlie Hoyle, of Henderson, N. C.; Mr. Henry Pernell, of Epsom, N. C.; Mr. Willie G. Wright, of Richmond; Miss Pearl Faulkner, of Gillsburg, N. C.; Mr. Willie G. Wright, of Richmond; Miss Pearl Faulkner, of Gillsburg, N. C.; Mr. Willie G. Wright, of Richmond; Miss Pearl Faulkner, of Gillsburg, N. C.; Mr. Willie G. Wright, of Richmond; Miss Pearl Faulkner, of Gillsburg, N. C.; Mr. Willie G. Wright, of Richmond; Miss Pearl Faulkner, of Gillsburg, N. C.; Mr. Willie, Mr. B. A. Singleton, of Washington, N. C., acted as best man. The coremony was performed by the Rev. James H. Henderson Presbyterian Church.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. John W. Hoyle, one of Vance country's esteemed clitzens.

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Among the guesis from a distance who attended the marriage were Mr. J. A. Wells, of Debney, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Matthews, of Louisburg, N. C.

ner the high reputation they have always hold in the musical world by the pre-centation of an excellent concert pregramme at the Y. M. C. A. hall last

Dr. Bischoff is too widely and too wall

fred Crenshaw, Mrs. Eugene Massie, Mrs. James E. Cannon, Mrs. George A. Tower and Miss Anne Lyell.

Rader-Best.

A wedding of great interest to the friends of both parties took place in the pariors of Murphy's Hotel last afternoon, at 5 o'clock, when Miss Caroline Busan Best and Mr. Howard Ettou Rader, of Roncerverte, est Va., were married, the Rev. Preston A. Cave performing the

ceremony.

The parlors were handsomely decorated for the occasion in pink and white roses and ferns. The ceremony included the in-terchange of rings and was very impres-

and carried a buoquet of Brids roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss

She was attended by her sister, Miss Florence Best, who wore white creps de chine, and had niphetos buds.

The wedding march was played by Miss May Best, tastefully attired in a white lace robe over pink. Dr. Thomas Dudley Marrick was best man to the groom.

The only other witnesses of the wedding were Mrs. E. C. Best, the bridn's mother; Miss Emma Lecky and Dr. Edwin H. Shackelford, the bride's physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Rader will leave very shortly for Passadena, Cal., where they will spend the remainder of the winter. Mrs. Rader has been under Dr. Bhackel

ford's charge in Richmond for some months. The decision in regard to the wedding yesterday was unexpected, but congratulations felt and offered were none the less hearty on that score.

Mr. Rader, who is a prominent business man in Roncerverte, will require only a short time to adjust his affairs and be ready for his bridal trip to California.

Cuthriel-Farinholt.

Miss Bettle Slater Farinholt, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Farinholt, and the Rev. John Franklin Cuthriel, of West Point, Va., will be married in the home of the bride's parents this after-noon, the Rev. Dr. John Haunon, of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by the Rev. Norman R. Smith, of Windsor, Va., being the celebrants, Miss Nellie Bright Davis will be maid

Miss Nellie Bright Davis win he maid of honor, and Mr. Edwin Vernon Farinhoit best man. Other attendants will include: Mr. Robert __argerald, the Rev. Richard P. Lumpkin, Mr. Alexander P. Thornton and Mr. William Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. Cuthriel will be at home in West Point, Va., after January 15th.

At the meeting of the Milton Work Whist Club last afternoon highest scores north and south were made by Mrs. C. W. P. Brock and Miss Martha Harvie. Those scoring east and west were Mrs. James Keith and Mrs. Stewart Woodward vard.

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Dr. Robert Herndon Fife, who arrived in Richmond last evening, and will be the guest while here of Mrs. R. T. Hunter, will lecture before the Woman's Club to-morrow afternoon, December 31st, at 4:39 o'clock, on "William Tell."

Dr. Fife has the chair of medern languages and higher English at Wesleyan University. He is a fine scholar and a residence of several years abroad makes him thoroughly conversant with his subject. He has many friends in Richmond, who will be delighted to see him again.

Miss Irone Elizabeth Robinson, of Petersburg, came over Monday attornoon to be present at a social party given by the young men of the West End, at the residence of Mr. W. J. Ready, No. 1601 Firk Avenue, Monday evening. She will remain in the city for several days, and he the guest of her cousin, Miss Susic Young Creath, No. 1402 Floyd Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre are on a

Mr. And Mrs. John Montey a Sisters, No. 903
East Leigh Street. Mr. McIntyre is a
commercial traveler, and his wife was
Miss Jane Byrd, formerly of Mansfield,
Ohio. They will be in the city for seyoral days.

Mr. Charles S. Taylor, of Washington, D. C., formerly of this city, has returned, after spending a week among friends and relatives.

Misses Lelia and Maud Courtland, of this city, left Monday morning for Alex-andria to visit their sister, Mrs. Samuel L. Goodman.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chaimers announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Janet Hamilton. to Mr. Thomas Meaux Meade, of Danville, Va.

The wedding will be celebrated Thursday, December 31st.

Dr. and Mrs. Dorsey L. Morris and little daughter, Girdys, who have been spending the holidays with Mrs. L. B. Morris, on East Grace Street, have gone to their home at Blackstone, Va., where Dr. Morris is practicing his profession.

Mrs. Harry E. Traylor, of Norfolk, who has been spending Christmas with her mother. Mrs. B. D. Jarvis, will return home Thursday.

Dr. Charles Wilkinson, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Virgina Bland is visiting Peters.

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After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where an elegant and sumptuous dinner was served in their honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton will make their home in Richmand.

The Bischoff Concert.

Dr. Bischoff end the Columbia Quar-

POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry,—Frof. Charles Ellot Norton.

No. 67.

BABY.

By GEORGE MACDONALD.

Georgo MacDonald was born at Huntley, Scotland, in 1824. He was cducated at the Parish School, at King's College, and the University of Aberdeen. He studied for the ministry in London, and was for a short time in independent minister. Later he joined the Church of England as a lay member. He is best known as a novelist.



WHERE did you come from, baby dear?

Where did you get those eyes so blue? Out of the sky as I came through.

What makes the light in them sparkle and spin? Some of the starry spikes left in.

Where did you get that little tear? I found it waiting when I got here.

What makes your forehead so smooth and high? A soft hand strok'd it as I went by.

What makes your cheek like a warm white rose?

I saw something better than any one knows. Whence that three-corner'd smile of bliss?

Three argels gave me at once a kiss. Where did you get this pearly ear?

God spcke, and it came ou to hear. Where did you get those arms and hands?

Love made itself into bonds and bands. Feet, whence did you come, you darling things? From the same box as the cherubs' wngs.

How did they all just come to be you? God : hought about me, and so I grew.

But how did you come to us, you dear? God thought about you, and so I am here.

George Max Donald

burg, and will attend the german to-

Miss Mary Moore Dabney, of Knoxville, Tenn., is visiting Miss Fannie Hobson, No. 2 West Franklin Street. Miss Dab-ney is the daughter of Professor Charles W. Dabney, of the University of Ten-nessee.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Susan Fisher. Mrs. Susan Fisher.

Nearly four score and ten years of age, Mrs. Susan Fisher, widow of James H. Fisher, of King William county, died yesterday at 12:30 o'clock at the residence of her nephew, John W. Bendles, in Hanover county, after a short illness. Mrs. Fisher was born January 1st, 1815, and had sho lived until New Year's day she would have reached the age of eighty-nine years, or nearly four score and ten.

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She was twice married, her first husband being Mr. William Butler, of the same county. There were no children by either marriage, but the descendants from her sister's family were numerous; consequently there are hundreds of nicess and nephews and great and great-great-nices and nephews to mourn her.

Though aged for years, her health was good, and until recently she was able to attend to her domestic duties unassisted. She lived in the country most of her long life, but for two or three years made her home in Richmond with relatives here, and removed her membership at that time to the Vonable Street Baptist Church, of this city, and continued a communicant there until her death. She had been a member of the Baptist denomination for at last seventy-five years, and was perhaps the oldest church member in the State.

Her funeral will take place from the Venable Street Church to-day at 12 o'clock, and the interment will be in Oakwood.

Bhe was an aunt of the Rev, R. B. Beadles, of the Methodist Conference,

Oakwood.

She was an aunt of the Rev. R. B.
Beadles, of the Methodist Conference,
and also of Messrs. R. M. and John W.
Beadles, of Hanover, and Mrs. S. C.
Dudley, Mrs. A. J. McDowell and Mrs.
William Slokel, of this city, and greataunt to Mr. Beverw R. Dudley and many
others of the young men of this and other
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The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Junius J. Royster. of Washington, but for many years residents of this city, will be grinved to learn of the dwth of their older son. Edwin, aged twenty-five years. Mr. Royster passed away Baturday after a long illness. He died far from home on the Pacific coast, where he went in the hope of regaining his health. His devoted mother was with him at the end, and she is now bringing his body to Richmond for interment. The father will meet his wife at Montgomery, Ala., and accompany her and the body of his boy to this city arriving to-morrow evening or Iriday morning.

The funeral arrangements will be anrounced later.

Besides his parents the deceased leaves a brother and a sistor. They are Mr. Striatt Royster, of this city, and Miss Isselbe Royster, of Washington.

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Mrs. Jennie M. Hooker died Tuesday
morning at 9:15 o'clock at the residence
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2303 West Muin Street. She was forty-nine

years of age.

The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

Funeral of Mrs. Wallace. Funeral of Mrs. Wallace.

Mrs. Margaret Susan Wallace, whose death occurred recently in Hampton, had many friends in this city. Mr. N. P. Cooke, of this city, was her son-in-law. The funeral took place from the First Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon, conducted impressively by Rev J. Sidney Peters, the pastor. The interment was made in St. John's Cemètery. The pall-bearers were selected from the official board of the church, of which she was a consistent member and great worker. She possessed a beautiful Christian character and was much beloyed.

lovea. Henry. V. Turner.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 29.—
Mr. Henry V. Turner, of King George county, who came to this city last Tuesday, on business, was taken sick with preumonia while here and on Thursday.

was taken to the Mary Washington Hospital for treatment. He continued to grow worse and died this morning, aged sixtyone years.

He was a high-toned Christian gentle-He was a high-toned Christian gentle-man, esteemed by everyone who knew him. He is survived by his wife and one son, Mr. R. V. Turner, of Port Conway. The remains were taken to-day to his home and the funeral will occur Thurs-day afternoon from Emmanuel Episcopai, Caurch, of which he was a member and vestryman.

The interment will be made in the church burying-ground, where three of his children are burled. The services will be conducted by Rev. B. T. Turner, of King William county.

George W. Rollinson. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLES CITY C. H., VA., Dec. 20.

Mr. George W. Rollinson, one of the oldest and best known residents of Charles City county, died at his residence on Saturday, the 26th instant. His remains Saturday, the 26th instant. His remains were interred at Manoah Church to-day. Rev. S. H. Driscoll conducted the burial strvice. He served in the Confederate navy during the Civil War. For many years previous to his death, he was enguged in farming and in the mercantile and cord-wood business. He leaves a widow, two daughters and one son.

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Mrs. Mary F. Robinson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEGARDHIA, VA., Dec. 29.—Mrs.,
Mary F. Robinson died at an early hour
this morning at her residence on South
St. Asaph Street, in the eightleth year
of her age. She is survived by three children—John P. Robinson, president of the
Alexandria Fertillizer Company; George
W. Robinson, the City Transurer and Mrs.
Josephine West.

T. M. Bray.

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DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Ella
Walker, wife of Mr. Clem. J. Walker, a
salesman in Rosenstock's dry goods escollaboration ded at her home on North. salesman in Rosenstoors dry goods es-tablishment, died at her home on North Main Street, this morning. She had been ill for a long while. She was in the forty-fifth year of her age. Bosides her husband, she leaves one infant child.

Carroll Triplett. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 29.—
Mr. Carroll Triplott, son of A. W. Triplett, of Fauguier county, died of typhoid fever a few days ago in Pittsburg, Pa., where he had just established himself for a successful career.

Mrs. Missouri Routten. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWFORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 29.—
Mrs. Missouri Routten, sixty-eight years
cid, willow of Spencer Routten, died today at her home at Fox Hill. She leaves
four sons.

DEATHS.

FISHER.—Died, Decomber 29, 1933, at 12:80 A. M., at the residence of her nephew, John W. Bendles, Hanover county, Mrs. SUSAN FISHIER, in her eighty-hinth year. Baptist Charles from Venable Sirah Baptist Charles and Charles and Charles and Charles and Fisher and Charles and Friends are invited to attend.

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HOOKER.-Died, Tuesday morning, Decemoer 29th, at the residence of her husband, 226 W. Main Birect, Mrs. JENNIE M. HOOKER, wife of William R. Honker, in the forty-ninth year of her seldence function residence THURSDAY MORNING at 11 o'clock.

EFTWICH.-Died, at 2 P. M. yesterday, at his residence, 2712 E. Grace Street. E. M. LEFTWICH. Funeral at 11 A. M. THURSDAY.

